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S E C R E T ADDIS ABABA 1607

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN FORCES GO TO HIGHEST STATE OF ALERT

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1605 (NOTAL)

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ETHIOPIAN FORCES HAVE BEEN PLACED ON HIGHEST LEVEL OF ALERT "JUST ONE STEP SHORT OF WAR FOOTING."

2. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PARTICULAR ACTION OR INCIDENT TO WHICH WE CAN ASCRIBE THIS DEVELOPMENT AND THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT IT REPRESENTS AN ETHIOPIAN RESPONSE TO INCREASED SNA STATE OF READINESS RELATED TO THE TFAI SITUATION.

3. THE POLITICAL REFLECTION OF THIS HEIGHTENED STATE

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OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS MAY ALSO BE DISCERNED IN

FONMIN KIFLE WODAJI'S ASSESSMENT(REPORTED REFTEL)
OF SOMALI INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS ETHIOPIA, VIZ. THAT
SOMALI IS NOW HEATING UP INSURGENCIES IN ETHIOPIA'S
BORDER REGIONS AND MAY GO ON TO OVERT HOSTILITIES IN
A SUBSEQUENT PHASE.

4. WE WOULD EXPECT HEIGHTENED STATE OF MILITARY
READINESS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER TO INCREASE
TENSION AND RAISE ANOTHER NOTCH ALREADY ASIGNIFICANT
EPMG CONCERN OVER SOMALI OPERATIONAL INTENTIONS WITH
RESPECT TO TFAI/DJIBOUTI.
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